Bio-diversity Park" is being constructed in Jharoda-Burari of North Delhi; and

(b) if so,the details of the area of the park, *flora and fauna* to be preserved and the time schedule for the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total area of the park taken up for development by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in the first phase is 157 acres. The park is being developed by DDA in collaboration with Delhi University who are providing technical support to the project. The site has been divided into 10 Eco-zones to accommodate various plant communities. It is envisaged as specialized park with the *flora and fauna* of the Yamuna River bed. Estimated time for completion of the project is 10 years.

Metro Transport

2070. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any expressions of interest from any State/district administration on behalf of any of the metros of the country, regarding construction of Metro transport similar to the Delhi Metro;

(b) if so, whether there are any plans or proposals to extend the metro transport to such metros;

(c) if so, the time limit for implementation of the scheme;

(d) whether some of the States have expressed their inability to implement the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka has forwarded a proposal for implementation of a Metro Project in Bangalore. 'In-Principle Approval' of the Planning Commission has been obtained.

Government of Maharashtra has forwarded a proposal for Mass Rapid Transit System on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor in Mumbai.

Traffic and transportation studies/preparation of Detailed Project Reports have been taken up for Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and some other cities by the respective State Governments with partial funding from Government of India.

(c) The time frame for completion of the projects depends upon the parameters of each individual project after the necessary approvals are accorded.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise

Contaminated drinking water in Delhi

2071. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a number of colonies of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, water pipelines, which were laid about two decades ago, have been damaged to a considerable degree which often result in the contamination of drinking water;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to replace them in the near future and if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a number of incidents of Jaundice and other water borne diseases reported recently and if so, the details thereof, and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has reported that some portions of water lines might have been damaged over the years due to constant use. However, the DJB has identified the problem areas and an Action Plan is under implementation to replace such damaged pipes in a phased manner.